

HAHIRA CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2016

7:30 P.M.

COURTHOUSE

The Mayor and Council met for a Council meeting on October 6, 2016 at the Courthouse with Mayor Bruce Cain presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Bruce Cain, Councils: Patrick Warren, Kenneth Davis and Mason Barfield. City Manager Jonathan Sumner, City Clerk Lisa Mashburn, Fire Chief Dwight Bennett, Police Chief Terry Davis and PWD Donnie Warren. Mayor Pro Tem Terry Benjamin was not present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Cain

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Mayor Bruce Cain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bruce Cain

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Wells

REVIEW/CORRECTION OF MEETING MINUTES:

- A. AUGUST 29, 2016 WORK SESSION**
- B. SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked if anyone had any corrections or question regarding the minutes. None noted. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. FY17 BUDGET FORMAL ADOPTION (CITY MANAGER)**

City Manager Sumner stated that this is the end of the budget season. We are now at budget completion after many months of work. We have advertised in the Valdosta Daily Times and had public hearings regarding the proposed budget. We have been open to public comment with no questions from the public. The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the FY17 Budget. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak against the budget. None noted. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the budget. None noted. **Councilman Warren made a motion to formally adopt the FY17 Budget which was seconded by Councilman Barfield. Councilman Warren, Councilman Barfield and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

None noted.

REVIEW OF BILLS/BUDGET OVERAGES:

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the bills. None noted. **Councilman Davis made a motion to pay the bills as presented which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

DISCUSSIONS:

A. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ADOPTION (PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR)

Matt Martin Planning and Zoning Administration stated that he is here for the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan by Resolution. In 1992 Lowndes County all the surrounding cities began updating the Comprehensive Plan. It is revised every 5 years and updated every 10 years. The revision started in January 2016 and was sent for review to the DCA in July. They stated it is all fine and the content is good. The Public Hearing was held on September 26th and approval was recommended. He stated that October 30th is the deadline for all local governments. Jonathan Sumner thanked Matt Martin and his staff for making sure that we have the up to date plan.

Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve the adoption of the plan which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Davis and Councilman Warren all voted in favor of the motion.

B. SARGENT KEITH CAMION UNPAID LEAVE (CITY MANAGER)

City Manager Sumner stated that this was discussed on Monday night and at the request of Council we would like to wait and revisit this at the end of 2016. We would like to expand the unpaid leave status until December 31, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sargent Camion and his family. **A motion was made by Councilman Warren to extend the unpaid leave status from September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and re-visit this item in January 2017 which was seconded by Councilman Davis. Councilman Warren, Councilman Davis and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.**

C. POLICE OFFICER FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (MAYOR CAIN)

Chief Davis said that as you know we have been without one officer for the last 9 months due to deployment and another officer out the last 2-3 months due to illness. I would like to hire a full time officer to have sufficient coverage. **Councilman Barfield made a motion to approve one full time officer which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. FY16 INFLOW & INFILTRATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER-SPLOST VII**
- B. MAIN & BEELINE LIFT STATIONS, AERATORS & SLUDGE REMOVAL –GEFA LOAN**
- C. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT SIDEWALK PROJECT-ACQUISITION & OCONDEMNATION OF RIGHT OF WAY-SPLOST VII**
- D. 2017 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**
- E. 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY-DECEMBER 6**
- F. FY16 CHRISTMAS BONUSSES & EXCESS SICK LEAVE**

G. ADMIN VEHICLE-SPLOST VII

The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the Consent agenda. None noted.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Davis, Councilman Warren and Councilman Barfield all voted in favor of the motion.

REPORTS:

Councilman Barfield thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Thank you to John our new reporter for the Valdosta Daily Times for coming tonight and please keep Officer Camion in your prayers. He stated he hopes everyone get out of the storms way tonight and hopes that it is not as bad as they are playing it out to be. I would like to thank all the City people for their work at the Honeybee Festival and we look forward to the new park. We appreciate the Police department, Fire department and the Public Works department.

Councilman Davis said that he hopes everyone will be safe, I hope all your family and friends are safe from the storm. Thank you for coming out tonight.

Councilman Warren said he would like to echo the thoughts, he stated when he left the Honeybee on Saturday the downtown was a mess but on Sunday it was all cleaned up. Thank you all for the great job and all helpers.

City Manager Sumner thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. I would like to thank all the department heads for another Honeybee Festival, fantastic job. I hope everyone is safe, it is in the good lords hands.

Mayor Cain thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We have an awesome staff, thank you to the Public works, Fire department and Police department. You all did a great job and everyone was safe. We only had a few medical calls but no trouble. I thank the Council for insight regarding the I & I problem. They will be installing a manhole on Hwy 122 West today, it will all be like it is brand new. The City is moving in the right direction.

A motion was made by Councilman Barfield to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Warren. Councilman Barfield, Councilman Warren and Councilman Davis all voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN.

MAYOR BRUCE CAIN

CITY CLERK LISA MASHBURN